

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 74 – HB 195

April 3, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires individuals to only provide the last four digits of their social security number when registering to vote.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$157,200/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-116, an individual registering to vote is required to supply their entire social security number as proof of identification on a voter registration form.
- According to the Division of Elections, new voter registration and absentee application request forms would have to be reprinted; such reprinting would result in an estimated one-time increase in state expenditures of \$57,240.
- Section 303 (a)(1)(A) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) enacted in 2002, requires each state to implement a computerized statewide voter registration list, coordinated with other agency databases, which contains the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in the state and assign each voter a unique identifier.
- Tennessee uses a voter's social security number as the unique identifier required by HAVA.
- The provisions of the legislation would require the Division of Elections to modify the current voter registration database and reassign unique identifiers currently used on the 3.9 million registered voters within the database.
- County election commission voter registration systems would also have to be modified to accept the new unique identifiers.
- The modification of the voter registration system will result in a one-time increase in state expenditure estimated to exceed \$100,000.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$157,240 (\$57,240 + \$100,000).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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